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Commissioner for Patents  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 6, 2006

This is in response to the Office action dated July 6, 2006. Without conceding that the rejections are proper, Applicant is canceling claims 51-68 and requesting a notice of allowance for claims 38-50 and 69-74.

An IDS was submitted April 7, 2006 to make of record references recently cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Applicant received a non-initialed copy of the IDS in the Office action date July 6, 2006. Applicant requests that an initialed form 1449 be returned to Applicant along with a notice of allowance.

Enclosed is a \$120.00 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136. It is not believed that any other fees are due, but please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 05918-324001.

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